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SUBJECT: CSCE: BASKET III - SOVIET PROPOSAL ON RADIO JAMMING

BEGIN SUMMARY: SOVIETS HAVE PASSED US PRIVATELY TEXT
THEY BELIEVE MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR SETTLING JAMMING
ISSUE HERE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL REACTION TO SOVIET

TEXT. END SUMMARY.

- 1. AMBASSADOR DUBININ, SECOND RANKING MEMBER OF SOVIET CSCE DEL, CALLED ON US DELOFF OCTOBER 11 FOR TOUR D'HORIZON OF BASKET III AND OTHER CSCE ISSUES. DUBININ SAID HE WOULD BE "ACTIVE AND COOPERATIVE" ON BASKET III AND OTHER ISSUES AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FREQUENT TALKS WITH US ON THE STRICTLY PRIVATE BASIS WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED US-SOVIET CONVERSATIONS ON CSCE. US DELOFF SAID WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH CONTACTS.
- 2. ONLY NEW POINT OF SUBSTANCE THAT EMERGED WAS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING JAMMING ISSUE. DUBININ SAID SOVIETS WANTED TO AVOID POLEMICS THAT MARKED DISCUSSION CONFIDENTIAL

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OF RADIO JAMMING LAST FALL. HOWEVER, SOVIETS KNOW THAT

TWO OR THREE WESTERN DELS WANT TO ADDRESS JAMMING WHEN INFORMATION SUBMCOMMITTEE TAKES UP AUDIO-VISUAL TOPIC NEXT WEEK. (COMMENT: UK AND PERHAPS DUTCH AND ITALIANS BELIEVE THEY MUST GO THROUGH AT LEAST ONE MORE PASSAGE AT ARMS OVER RADIO JAMMING. WE DOUBT, IN VIEW OF OUR ATTITUDE, THAT THEY WILL MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF IT. END COMMENT.) US DELOFF RESPONDED THAT WE TOO WISHED TO AVOID FURTHER SHARP EXCHANGES ON SUBJECT. IF SOVIET RESPONSE TO WESTERN INTERVENTIONS ON JAMMING CAN BE KEPT ON GENERAL PLANE AND AVOID EXPLICIT ATTACKS ON RFE AND RL, US WOULD REMAIN SILENT IN SUBCOMMITTEE. IT WAS AGREED TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD PROCEED ON THAT BASIS.

3. DUBININ THEN PRODUCED TEXT (BELOW) WHICH SOVIETS HOPE MAY PROVIDE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT ON JAMMING. IT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO NEUTRAL DELEGATION, HE SAID, IN EXPECTATION THAT IT WILL SURFACE LATER AS NEUTRAL, NOT SOVIET, PROPOSAL. HE ASKED US TO TREAT MATTER AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. WE AGREED NOT RPT NOT TO INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS OF SOVIET GAMBIT.

BEGIN TEXT: THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTE THE BROADENING OF THE DISSEMINATION OF RADIO INFORMATION AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE SITUATION EXISTING IN THIS FIELD MAY CONTINUE. IN DOING SO THEY PROCEED FROM THE FACT THAT DUE RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR THAT (SIC) THE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS TO THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES. END TEXT

4. FIRST SENTENCE OF SOVIET TEXT IS COMPARABLE TO SENTENCE WHICH EC-NINE WISH TO ADD TO PROPOSED US TEXT ON AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION (GENEVA 6298). SECOND SENTENCE INTRODUCES NOTION OF GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTENT OF BROADCASTS, WHICH WESTERN EUROPEANS WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE. HOWEVER, ASSUME WE COULD ULTIMATELY ACCEPT SOME LANGUAGE ALONG GENERAL LINES OF THAT SENTENCE IN VIEW OF NATURE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND USG LINK CONTAINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE BOARD FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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